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IMLS Program Officer Visits Idaho Libraries

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Program Officer Dennis Nangle visited Idaho in early May. Staff from the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) took Nangle on site visits to several public libraries so he could see firsthand some of the great projects library staff have used IMLS funding for.



Garden City Public



Nampa Public



Glenns Ferry Public

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Out and About

In April, some ICfL staff and the Board of Library Commissioners visited 11 public, school, and academic libraries in the Magic Valley area. Here are some highlights.



Gooding Public

Gooding Public has a wide variety of "things" for patrons to check out, including a huge selection of games, kits for children and adults, and even snow shoes in the winter. Another popular item is their grant-funded cooking cart, which staff uses to teach kids to cook.



Hagerman Public

Hagerman Public makes it easy for patrons to return their materials via this new stand-alone book return. And patrons can enjoy their next great read on the back patio.



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The Bliss Joint School District library is bright and welcoming.



Bliss Joint School District

Buhl Public has undergone a lot of changes over the past two-and-a-half years.



Buhl Public



Jerome Public

The teen space is very popular at Jerome Public.



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Filer Public has bright, beautiful spaces for their patrons to enjoy.



Filer Public

Kimberly Public



The Kimberly Public staff utilize their space in creative ways.



The team at Wendell Public make everyone feel welcome.

Wendell Public

MLD -- Orchard Park Branch Opened in April

The Orchard Park branch of the Meridian Library District opened in April. The 16,000-square-foot library is located in north Meridian.



Nampa Public Unveiled Bookmobile

In March, the Nampa Public Library unveiled its ARPA-funded bookmobile, which brings library resources and programming to the greater Nampa community.



Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit

The Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit website contains free online training modules and resources for youth-serving librarians and library staff in public libraries who would like to better serve families with autistic children.

The toolkit can also be used by anyone with an interest in autism inclusion and inclusive early literacy practices, including school librarians, library managers and administrators, parents and caregivers, community leaders, and teachers.

<https://sites.uw.edu/neurodiversity/research-projects/autism-ready-libraries/toolkit/>

Why Didn't I Think of That?

Marshall Public Library's Garden to Give for The Idaho Foodbank is back

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The library will accept donations from July through mid-October.
Image courtesy of city of Pocatello



Twin Falls Public Library holds 'Adulting 101 for Teens'

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IDEA Parent Guide Available

A parent guide is available for the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA) to help library staff and patrons navigate the IDEA collection for content that fits with the family's interests and values.

Access the parent guide from the main IDEA homepage <https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea/>.

Or access directly at <https://libraries.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/IDEA-parent-guide.pdf>.



Welcome to the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA) from the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICL). We appreciate that you are a parent or caregiver who is invested in your child's learning. This guide can help you navigate the IDEA collection for content that fits with your family's interests and values.

PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDATIONS
Trained and experienced ICL staff are available to help you navigate the IDEA collection so that you may find material that is just right for your child or teen. Staff can work with you through a reference interview to discuss your family's reading, viewing, and listening values. This is also an opportunity for you to share any subject matter you would like to avoid. This will help ICL staff identify items in the collection that specifically meet your family's needs, interests, and standards.

Donnelly Receives Innovative Service Award



Congratulations to Director Sherry Scheline and everyone at the Donnelly Public Library District for receiving the 2023 Innovative Service Award on behalf of the ARSL Grants, Awards & Scholarships Committee. The Donnelly team received the award for their after-school programs and adapting to outside programming, primarily through their innovative teepees.

Sherry said, "I am proud to represent small, rural libraries and how we have had to adapt to changing needs in our communities. Being that spot for health, education, art, science, and so much more. And understanding the need for after-school programming and taking the opportunity to meet our community's needs."